

### REMARKS

The present amendment is in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed April 26, 2002, in which the Examiner required an election between Invention I (Claims 1 through 12 drawn to a semiconductor device, classified in class 257, subclass 713) and Invention II (Claims 13 through 18 drawn to a method for making a semiconductor device, classified in class 428, subclass 121).

Applicants elect to prosecute the invention of Claims 1 through 12 (Invention I) without traverse. In so electing, Applicants reserve the right to submit a divisional application directed to non-elected Claims 13 through 18 at a later time. In addition, Applicants submit herewith a **Preliminary Amendment** setting forth additional new Claims 19 through 26 directed to a semiconductor device, classified in class 257, subclass 713.

Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

### CONCLUSION

In light of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims as currently presented are in condition for allowance. If, for any reason, the Examiner disagrees, please call the undersigned attorney at 202-624-3947 in an effort to resolve any matter still outstanding *before* issuing another action. The undersigned attorney is confident that any issue which might remain can readily be worked out by telephone.

Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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